

The City of Cannon Falls met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Bill Duncan, Phil Hammes, Rodney Holst, Merlyce Johnson, Morris Mattson, and LeRoy McCusker. Also present were Aaron Reeves, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Justin Padgett, Library Director; Brenda Voshalike, Ambulance Director; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| Call to Order | Mayor Robinson called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. |
| Pledge of Allegiance | Mayor Robinson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| Moment of Silence | A moment of silence was conducted for the victims and the families who lost loved ones and the people of Newtown, Connecticut. |
| Approval of Agenda | Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed. |
| Public input | Superintendent of Cannon Falls Schools, Beth Giese, was present and posed the following question: "How many police officers would you have for a town of 1400?" She went on to state that 1200 students attended the Cannon Falls schools, and the district employed 216 staff members, comparing this to a town of 1400. Ms. Giese stated that she had secured short-term grant funding for a school liaison but would need matching funding and wanted to begin this conversation. She distributed a list of goals and responsibilities for a school liaison officer. Ms. Giese added that the school had already gone well beyond what the state required as far as safety drills, including having conducted a live shooter drill just two days before the tragedy in Connecticut. Council Member McCusker agreed that it was important for the city and schools to work together, even in light of budget cuts and financial constraints. Council Member Hammes recommended discussing this further. Mayor Robinson suggested possibly also involving Goodhue County. |
| Consent Agenda | <p>A. Just and Correct Claims—Accounting Period Ending December 14, 2012</p> <p>B. Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2012, City Council Meeting</p> <p>C. New Library Project Change Order Requests</p> <p>D. Health Insurance Change</p> <p>E. Cable Franchise Renewal Audit Results and Request for 2nd Audit</p> <p>F. Application for Payment No. 4 for the Library Construction Project</p> <p>G. Application for Payment No. 5 for the Library Construction Project</p> |

H. LELS Union Agreement

I. Resolution 1995, Accepting a Donation from the Cannon Falls Football Booster Club

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted items removed. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

New Library Project
Change Order
Requests

Council Member Hammes inquired about the many change orders for the new library. City Administrator Reeves stated that an automatic door opener was initially included in the project budget, was pulled out when the initial project cost was felt to be too high, but it was now felt it should be included. He stated that some change orders were unforeseen and some actually lowered costs. Mr. Reeves said that there was still funding available in the contingency fund. Mr. Hammes spoke against spending any of the contingency funds unless absolutely necessary.

Following discussion, a motion to approve the change order request was made by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Duncan. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Cable Franchise
Renewal Audit
Results and Request
for 2nd Audit

Council Member McCusker inquired as to the reason a second audit was being requested for the cable franchise fees. City Administrator Reeves reported that the initial audit uncovered some mistakes. Therefore, it was recommended to conduct an audit of additional years, back to 2006. Mr. Reeves further stated that it was important to identify past mistakes, recoup funds as possible, and also prevent future mistakes with the new franchise. Council Member McCusker said he felt this was a bad way to have to do business. He would like assurance that things would improve but has concerns about the legal cost of finding additional errors. Council Member Hammes expressed agreement with the recommended additional audit. Mayor Robinson agreed, stating the city needed to utilize all available remedies.

Council Member Mattson moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve the audit results and request for a second audit for the cable franchise. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Dave Maroney reported that the Goodhue County Commissioners voted in favor of spending

approximately \$254,000 to assist with land acquisition for the extension of the Mill Towns Trail and pedestrian bridge to Cannon Falls. He stated this project had been in the works for a long time and with the county's support it appeared the project would move forward.

Library Director Justin Padgett reported that, barring any unforeseen problems, the library project should be completed according to schedule, with opening planned for early March.

Police Chief Jeff McCormick reported on ongoing efforts with the schools and local businesses with regard to security concerns.

City Administrator Aaron Reeves summarized the past year as a successful one for the city. He thanked the council and staff for their hard work.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Holst thanked Superintendant Giese for attending the meeting and everything she does for the community. He also thanked Council Member Hammes for his service.

Council Member also thanked Council Member Hammes.

Council Member Hammes asked Dave Maroney to list some recent EDA accomplishments. Mr. Maroney listed the ArtOrg purchase of the former bowling alley; the Quik Stop convenience store opening; a purchase agreement for the sale of 45 acres of land in the industrial park to World Food Processing; and projects involving Olmstead Medical Clinic, Casey's, Lorentz Meats/Organic Valley Coop, and Gemini. Mr. Maroney thanked the EDA, Planning Commission, and City Council for their assistance on these projects. Council Member Duncan commented on the substantial growth anticipated over the next couple years. Council Member Mattson stated that everything was coming together and thanked Dave Maroney and city staff members for their efforts.

Mayor Robinson reported that he emailed city officials in Newtown, Connecticut to let them know that the citizens of Cannon Falls were thinking about them and extended their condolences. He thanked everyone for the great job they have done over the past year.

Council Member Phil Hammes was presented with a token of appreciation from the City. Mr. Hammes encouraged others to become involved in city government.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 8th day of January, 2013.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aaron S. Reeves, City Administrator